



**One Spirit~  
One Call**

**One Spirit~One Call Service**  
**September 26, 2010**

**Gathering Song**

**“We Are Called”**

David Hass

Verse One:

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of our God!  
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:

**We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.**

Verse Two:

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Verse Three:

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

**Welcome**

*Sarah Granger, St. Andrew parishioner*

Welcome.

We are called. We are called to be here today, called by the Spirit to raise our voices for justice and to claim our dignity. We are here because we love the church, our church, and today we give voice to the need for renewal in our church. What an amazing sight – to be here together.

Give a wave if you are from N or NE Portland.

Give a wave if you are from NW, SE or SW Portland.

Give a wave if you are from the suburbs.

Give two waves if you are traveled more than 30 miles to be here.

It is time. It is time to break the silence and to raise our voices in public about the fact that women are not being treated with equality and dignity in our Catholic Church.

My name is Sarah Granger. I am 34, a wife, a mother and an active member of St. Andrew Parish. Six weeks ago I was called by the Spirit to be one of the coordinators of this event.

I have not always been a self-assured leader and a confident organizer. Throughout my life I have had paralyzing bouts of self-doubt and self-criticism. At times I have struggled to realize my own gifts. And like many women, I have even had moments where I have been plagued with self-hatred. I share this because these experiences have a context. Despite the fact that I was raised in a loving home and I have been surrounded by many loving and life-giving relationships, I've received messages throughout my life from society and from my church that I am not good enough; that my way, a woman's way, it not THE way and I have witnessed time and time again, women's gifts not being appreciated and embraced.

My pain about this is very real and tangible and this pain is at the core of why I am here today.

We all have our reasons for being here today, we each have our story and we each long for healing, renewal and inspiration.

God Bless Jennifer Sleeman! Jennifer Sleeman, an 80-year-old Irish woman has given us inspiration. And Gayle Bache had the opportunity to speak with Mrs. Sleeman last week.

*Gayle Bache, St. Andrew parishioner*

I had the opportunity to speak to Jennifer Sleeman last week.

She took my phone call even though she has been overwhelmed with calls ever since she spoke out against the unequal and unjust treatment of women in the Catholic Church.

When we spoke the first thing she said was how wonderful it is what we are doing on the other side of the world.

She has inspired us with her courageous call that women can no longer be treated as second-class citizens.

### **Opening Prayer**

*Led by Sr. Kathleen Stupfel, SNJM*

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!**

Traditional Caribbean

## **Gospel**

*Luke 10:38-42 Read by Mary Lou Stewart, St. Andrew parishioner*

Our God is with you.

**And also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you O Lord.**

As they continued their journey he entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

The Word of God.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Post-Gospel Reflection**

*Mary Lou Stewart, St. Andrew parishioner*

"It is not to be taken from her." When this Gospel was read on July 18, my first response was "But it **has** been taken away." I was still reeling from the Vatican's decision to list the ordination of women as a grave offense in the same document as pedophilia.

I have been reflecting on the message of this Gospel since then, and even though I am not a scholar of theology I would like to take a moment to share some of my thoughts with you.

First of all, these "Ordinary Sundays" we are in are not exactly "ordinary." This story of Martha and Mary comes between the Good Samaritan and Lord's Prayer. A pretty good place to be, I think! Here we see Jesus and his disciples on the journey up to Jerusalem, moving from place to place, relying on the generosity of people along the way.

Just the Sunday before, we learned what is required to inherit the kingdom of God: To love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves. In the Good Samaritan, we learn what it means to love our neighbor.

But what about the first part of the answer Jesus gave? In this section of Luke's Gospel, we see Martha welcoming Jesus into her home, radiating hospitality, and providing for the welfare of her guests, and yet all is not perfect. As the pressure of

serving as host grows more and more taxing, Martha expects support and asks Jesus to tell her sister Mary to help.

But Mary is sitting at the Lord's feet, listening to what he is saying. She is in the position of a disciple. (Acts 22:3) At the beginning of Luke's Gospel, he identifies those who hear what Jesus is saying as “ministers of the word.” (1:2). Here, Mary is part of that group. Jesus does not reject Martha; she is a good example of how to love our neighbor. But Mary is a model of how to love the Lord our God. And Jesus tells us that “Mary has chosen 'the better part'.”

This path to the Kingdom of God is a difficult balancing act. It took me a long time to realize that this call to discipleship is not just a wonderful, grace-filled call. True discipleship carries a deep and sometimes frightening responsibility.

We all have our own reasons for being here today. I always thought that speaking up was the job of theologians, highly educated women and men. But I can no longer ignore the rancor and animosity and condescension towards women that have invaded our church. For years I claimed that the Hierarchy's attitude toward women and its limitation of our roles in directing the church's future would not affect my own, personal spirituality. I can no longer hold on to that pretense.

The inclusion of women in Jesus' teaching that we see in this story of Martha and Mary is a sticking point for our church today.

How many of you have Martha in your name? We are all Martha. Our Church is very **comfortable** when we are Martha – when we

- Join the altar society,
- Serve coffee and donuts after Mass,
- Work as sacristans,
- Direct youth groups, or
- Teach religious education.

How many of you have a form of Mary in your name? So many of us, and yet our Church gets most **un**comfortable when we want to be Mary:

- When we are outspoken,
- When we challenge the status quo,
- When we ask to be full disciples of Jesus within the Church structure,
- When we ask to sit at the table as we all discern the direction of our church.

Then comes the **discomfort** and fear.

We love our Church. She has been suffering greatly for quite some time. Like Mary, we are sitting in the room with Jesus. We are to be counted among the disciples. We are not slaves in the church. We are not outcasts. We are not unclean. We are called! **We are called!** And we come with gifts of the Spirit. For in Jesus, we are not male or female. We are all, all of us children of God.

There is much work to be done. And we can do it; we will do it, and we will do it together, in a spirit of loving kinship.

**Litany of the Saints – Holy Women**

Sung to Becker’s setting of *Litany of the Saints*

<u>Choir</u>	<u>All</u>
Verse 1: Mother Mary	pray for us
Anna and Elizabeth	pray for us
Sarah, Ruth and Esther	pray for us
Deborah, Miriam and Judith	pray for us
Mary Magdalene	pray for us
Susanna, Martha, Joanna	pray for us
Junia, Lydia and Phoebe	pray for us
Priscilla, Apollonia	pray for us
<b>ALL YOU HOLY WOMEN, PRAY FOR US</b>	
Verse 2: Lucy, Agnes and Agatha	pray for us
Joan, Catherine, Cecelia	pray for us
Irene, Felicity, Perpetua	pray for us
Blandina, Florence, Anastasia	pray for us
Bridget, Clare, Mathilda	pray for us
Theodora, Rita, Beatrice	pray for us
Hildegard and Julian	pray for us
Rose, Juana, Scholastica	pray for us
<b>ALL YOU HOLY WOMEN, PRAY FOR US</b>	
Verse 3: Kateri, Katharine, Elizabeth	pray for us
Therese, Edith, Marie Rose	pray for us
Sojourner, Harriet and Rosa	pray for us
Dorothy Day, Mother Teresa	pray for us
Sisters through the ages,	pray for us
Praying, teaching, healing	pray for us
Women fighting oppression	pray for us
The hands of Christ on earth	pray for us
<b>ALL YOU HOLY WOMEN, PRAY FOR US</b>	
Verse 4: Our mothers and grandmothers	pray for us
Fierce lovers and protectors	pray for us
Teaching Holy Wisdom;	pray for us
Compassion, sacrifice and justice	pray for us
Our daughters and granddaughters	pray for us
With their wonder and fire	pray for us
Be our light in darkness	pray for us
Be our strength and courage	pray for us
<b>ALL YOU HOLY WOMEN, PRAY FOR US</b>	

## **Women's Perspectives**

*Angela Kremer, Andrea Matsumura, Trish Bradley, Jackie Rossini,  
St. Andrew parishioners*

**All: WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

Jackie:

We are the church. My name is Jackie Rossini and I am a woman seeking the path of wisdom. I am a cradle Catholic, a mother of daughters and sons, a grandmother and great-grandmother. Though I have jumped ship a few times in my life, twelve years ago I came back to the Church for good. Finally I realized that, while its policies and practices regarding the role of women still caused me pain, the Catholic Church needs to make room for me – I claim this church as my own, and I'm here to stay.

Andrea:

We are the church. My name is Andrea Matsumura and I am a leader. I believe good leaders ask critical questions. I am a physician; I am a wife and a mother of two young children. I am active in a Catholic parish that strives to live its social justice mission. And I ask: Why does the institutional church lag so far behind in affirming women's gifts and welcoming us to serve as we are called? As a physician, I am bound by a principle code in medical ethics: First, do no harm. As a Catholic, I am bound by my faith to follow my conscience.

Angela:

We are the church. My name is Angela Kremer and I am a woman of passion and Spirit. I believe in the great power of women when they live their potential as artists, workers, and leaders. I am 40 years old, mother of Soren and Anders, a community organizer and a woman called to ministry. After practicing ministry at a socially just Catholic women's college, I decided to study theology after working to minister to Catholic women. Over a decade ago, I wrote a thesis: "Discipleship: A New Paradigm of Vocation for Roman Catholic Women." Vocation is a calling in context of community but as a Catholic woman, I'm forced to ask: Can I use this gift? Will they let me lead? And at what cost?

Trish:

We are the church. My name is Trish Bradley and I am a person of hope and peace. I have been a Catholic all of my life, educated in Catholic schools. In high school I was educated by the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary and became an educator myself. I was an elementary school teacher, a principal, and personnel administrator in the public school system. I have a keen awareness of the pain of discrimination among individuals and institutions.

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Trish:

Sr. Helen Mary was my 9<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher. She was brilliant and compassionate. She could easily have been the CFO of any Fortune 500 company. But she listened to the call of the Spirit and her life's work was teaching young women. I am broken hearted that the Vatican is conducting what it calls a "visitation" of the women religious in the United States. I am angered by the process of these visitations and the fact that the findings are not going to be shared with the religious women. Their stubborn hope in the midst of this demeaning examination is remarkable.

Andrea:

Did God choose gender as a requirement to love, to lead, to serve? As a mother to both a boy and a girl, I want equal opportunity for both my children. I am an intentional parent and I take pride in teaching them values and building their character. Our church community reinforces our personal values of love, forgiveness and service. But what about equality? How do I explain to my daughter that she is excluded from a path her brother can take?

Angela:

My vocation is centered on community that I learned by leading liturgies in Appalachia and Selma, Alabama. And now parenting has added the reality of a global, ecological suffering to my perspective. I keep learning about justice with my children within our own neighborhood and city with hopes that they will recognize our greater human family. It's not just connected but truly interdependent. Exclusion is not only unfair, it sickens women and squeezes the life out of our spiritual community or threatens to tear apart our fragile web of hope. Each and every member of our church suffers because of the choices of our leaders. To raise my sons, I have to create gracious space to welcome those around me while living and questioning my choices. I'm trying to do that and it saddens me how far away we are from the needs of our world and our Church.

Jackie:

Ten years of living and working ecumenically in Asia awakened me to the richness and beauty of the worldwide church. One scene stands out for me: I was privileged to sit with "Asian Women Doing Theology" – a group of Korean and Japanese Christian women leaders reading Scripture together from a feminist perspective, to carry their insights back to their own congregations. I experienced the power of women when the gifts they bring to their churches are fully respected and cherished. Those lessons came home with me and reshaped my expectations of myself and my church. My own renewal in theology, scriptural understanding, and spirituality prepared me to say "yes" to the call to serve. Yet the vibrant hope that Vatican II had awakened in me has gradually given way to disappointment as its reforms have been eroded. We women want to refresh and nourish this church. We await her unconditional "yes."

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Andrea:

I dream of a Catholic Church that embraces a larger vision of God and God's creation—one that is not limited to male images of God or demeaning ideas of women. My faith community understands that “social justice and feminism are inextricably linked,” and I dream of a time when the institutional church embraces that understanding.

Jackie:

I dream that soon we women, our daughters, and granddaughters will find ourselves truly reflected in the language of our liturgies, because language strongly shapes our aspirations and actions. Let the whole Church see that our God transcends gender, rejects narrow definitions of ministry, and blesses the deep desires of women to participate fully in the life of God's Church, *our* Church.

Angela:

I dream of a groundswell in our church, a groundswell of women connected to each other. The first step to women raising our voices for justice is inner healing, listening and action. When we women embrace our beauty, our goodness, and our belovedness and reject the self-hatred in all its forms, the Spirit will transform our church through us. I dream of a truly global Church where women use their differences as a resource for justice while supporting our sisters in other faiths and life situations.

Trish:

St. Paul wrote to the Galatians (3:27-28): “For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for we are all one in Christ Jesus.” I dream of a church where hierarchical structures and titles are done away with and secrecy is a thing of the past. I dream of a church that embraces collaboration and transparency, and honors and listens to those who have had no voice.

All: **WE ARE THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH!**

Angela: We are single, we are partnered;

Trish: We are widowed, we are divorced;

Andrea: We are mothers, we are daughters;

Jackie: We are sisters, we are aunts;

Andrea: We are among the Church's greatest assets;

All: **AND WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

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## **“One Spirit, One Call”**

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Chorus:

**One Spirit, One Call**  
**One Spirit in All**  
**One Call – listen: “Let my justice flow.”**  
**Listen: “Let my justice flow.”**

Verse:

Below, as above  
Christ’s hands sow Love, Love.  
We are by water,  
Priest, prophet, son and daughter.

*Written and played by Licia Seaman, St. Andrew parishioner*  
*Dancer: Jane Richenbaugh, St. Francis parishioner*  
*Choreographers: Jane Richenbaugh, Licia Seaman*  
*Sung by Ingrid Parmeter, Hand whistle by Sally Cohn, St. Andrew parishioners*  
*Dance gestures: Ann Schneider, Kate Anderson, Meg Roland, Mary Lyn Villaume,*  
*St. Andrew parishioners*  
*Sheet music available at [www.onespiritonecall.org](http://www.onespiritonecall.org)*

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

*Written by women from St. Charles parish*  
*Read by: Edna Hicks, Martina Murray and Marilyn Anderson,*  
*St. Andrew parishioners*  
*Kathy Brown and Sally Gennett, St. Charles parishioners*

Sung response:

Mike Hay

**Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escucha nos.**

Kathy: Let us gather our prayers together and present them to our loving God. For women and children world wide suffering from the effects of poverty, that God, our Mother, move the global community to respond to their physical and emotional needs.

Martina: Para las mujeres y los niños del mundo que están sufriendo todos los efectos de la pobreza. Que Dios, nuestra Madre, mueva a la comunidad global en una respuesta a sus necesidades emocionales y corporales. **Oremos al Señor.**

**Choir: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escucha nos.**

Edna: For all the faithful women and men of our global church who choose to put their faith in a loving God, even in the face of suffering, injustice, war and apathy. May God's compassionate love penetrate their beings and remind them that God

renounces the sinful structures that oppress, marginalize, hurt and discriminate.

Martina: Para los fieles mujeres y hombres de nuestra iglesia global, quienes guardan fe en un Dios de amor, aun frente al sufrimiento, injusticia, guerra y apatía. Que el amor compasivo de Dios penetre a sus almas y les recuerde que nuestro Dios renuncia todas las estructuras que opriman, que discriminan, que hacen daño, que marginalizan a las gentes del mundo. **Oremos al Señor.**

**Choir: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escucha nos.**

Marilyn: For women leaders of our Church who are not present here today; that they will one day have the freedom to openly follow their conscience without fear of retribution from the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

Martina: Para mujeres que son líderes no nuestra Iglesia quienes no están presentes con nosotros aquí hoy. Que algún día, ellas tengan la libertad de actuar abiertamente según su conciencia interior, sin temer retribución de la jerarquía de la Iglesia Católica. **Oremos al Señor.**

**Choir: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escucha nos.**

Sally: For all of us gathered here today in faith and hope that we continue to give witness to the birth of the new story founded in true equality and respect for all women within our Church.

Martina: Para todos nosotros reunidos aquí, hoy, en la fe y la esperanza. Que andemos adelante en dar testimonio al nacimiento de la nueva historia fundada en respeto y verdadera igualdad para todas las mujeres, todas las gentes, de nuestra Iglesia. **Oremos al Señor.**

**Choir: Lord, hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor, escucha nos.**

Kathy: Faithful God, we depend on your presence and your stirring in our hearts. Hear our prayers and help us recognize your response. Through Jesus, the compassionate one.

**Amen.**

### **Announcements/Invitations**

*Sarah Granger*

**Invitation to share with two or three persons near you (ten minutes)**

**Call for “One Spirit~One Call Circles”**

We would like to invite all women to consider forming One Spirit~One Call Circles in which they can share stories and visions. See guidelines on [www.onespiritonecall.org](http://www.onespiritonecall.org)

**Invitation to gather on the Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 21, 2010, at St. Charles**

Please also be sure to sign in with people carrying clipboards if you would like to receive One Spirit~One Call updates. You can also submit your information on the website: [www.onespiritonecall.org](http://www.onespiritonecall.org). and check it for updated postings.

### **Closing Prayer: "The Woman's Creed"**

*Led by Mary Ann Dickey, St. Andrew Parishioner*

Leader: We believe in God  
All: **who created women and men in God's own image;  
who created the world and gave both sexes the care of the Earth.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus  
All: **Child of God, chosen by God, born of the woman Mary;  
who listened to women and stayed in their homes,  
who looked for the kingdom with them  
who was followed and supported by women disciples.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus  
All: **who discussed theology with a woman at a well,  
who received anointing from a woman at Simon's house,  
and who rebuked the male guests who scorned her.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus  
All: **who healed a woman on the Sabbath,  
who spoke of God as a woman seeking a lost coin,  
as a woman who swept, seeking the lost.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus  
All: **who thought of pregnancy and birth with reverence.**

Leader: We believe in Jesus  
All: **who appeared first to Mary Magdalene,  
and sent her with the message "go and tell."**

Leader: We believe in the wholeness of God  
All: **in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free,  
male nor female, for all are one in God.**

Leader: We believe in the Holy Spirit  
All: **as she moves over the waters of creation and over the earth;  
the woman spirit of God, who created us and gave us birth  
and covers us with her wings.**

Adapted from the book "Jesus and the Freed Woman," By Rachel Conrad Wahlberg, Paulist Press, 1978

### **Blessing for going forth**

*Mary Lyn Villaume, St. Andrew parishioner*

Loving God, maker of the universe,

who created us in your image and likeness – female and male you created us;  
Jesus our brother, who especially loved both Mary Magdalene and John;  
Spirit, Ruah, female life and wisdom of God;  
Holy and indivisible God of mercy, justice, and love,  
bless us as we leave this place  
to work in love for justice for all.

Let us go in peace.

**Amen.**

### **Closing Song**

**“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”**

Peter Scholtes

Verse One:

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in our God. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in our God. And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

Verse Two:

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land.

Verse Three:

We will work with each other, we will work side by side. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.

Verse Four:

All praise to our God, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

*Please note: All are welcome to attend Mass at noon at the Downtown Chapel.  
601 West Burnside, Portland, OR 97209*

### **SPECIAL THANKS to ...**

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**Fr. Steve Newton, CSC,** for holding a special mass at noon today for One Spirit~One Call attendees.

**Mary Lyn Villaume** for the programs.

**Edwina Gateley, Fr. Chuck Lienert, Fr. Bob Kruger and Fr. Jack Mosbrucker** for their statements of support:

Rev. Robert W. Krueger

Women have the human right, also a right recognized in Catholic Church law, to express the pain of the inequality they experience in the church and their opinions for change to their bishops and other Christian faithful. One Spirit~One Call will be an opportunity for women to make this expression clearly and strongly. I gladly endorse the event.

Edwina Gateley

To the women of the Northwest gathering in solidarity with Jennifer Sleeman and the women in Ireland - Ladies - It is time!! We have served, supported and loved this church of ours all our lives. But we, as women, have never been treated with equality or dignity by our church leadership. This is contrary to the message of Jesus and to the Gospel. We can no longer participate in our own diminishment nor support and serve an unjust and sinful institution. Today we stand in faithful protest and call upon all those in authority in our church to repent the sins of discrimination and inequality – in the name of Jesus. May God re-build this broken and unfaithful church.

Msgr. Charles Lienert, Pastor, St. Andrew Catholic Church

I support the event on September 26 that calls for increasing the awareness of injustice to women in the Catholic Church. Women are equal to men in the eyes of God through creation and baptism.

Fr. Jack Mosbrucker

In the Gospels, we hear Jesus treat women with respect and equality. Paul continues this attitude toward women, especially in the phrase "there is no longer male or female..." It is time for the Church to reclaim this Gospel message. *One Spirit~One Call* is an opportunity to begin the dialogue to reclaim this status for women in the Church. I support this event as a beginning in this process.

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